

Enclosure No. to despatch No.

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"THE INTERNATIONAL ASPECT (~~LITERARY FACT~~) OF THE
TROTSKIST OPPOSITION".

By A.B.
(Summary.)
Translator

This is a summary, by an author who signs only "A.B.", of what at the ninth extended plenary session of the Executive Committee of the Communist International has been said about Trotsky and the opposition by various non-Russian Communists in the course of the debates in connection with Bukharin's report on the subject of "the opposition within the... Party, and the international opposition".

"The aggregate of the facts" as revealed by the sundry speakers, says A.B., constitutes a "murderous indictment against the opposition", and the "general deduction" is that "the Trotskyist opposition aims not only the Social-Democracy, but also the world bourgeoisie in (their) struggle against the Communist International and the Soviet Union", although, according to A.B., "in the sections of the Communist International themselves, the opposition is either insignificant, or altogether non-existent, numerically as well as in idea"... The opposition is sliding down towards Menshevism, and "in a number of countries the fusion of Trotskyism and Menshevism on an international scale is already manifest"...

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All the information furnished by the various speakers, A.B. divides into four chapters:

- 1) "the social composition of the Trotskyist opposition";
- 2) "its ideological luggage";
- 3) "practical collaboration of the opposition with the Second International", and
- 4) "the further sliding-down of the opposition into the counter-revolutionary bog", although the information given under these several headings scarcely seems to differ in character.

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**"The social composition of the Trotskyist
opposition."**

France.

In France, where that opposition controls "five little journals", or papers, it consists "principally of petty-bourgeois intellectuals, and syndicalist leaders who in recent years have already become decomposed"... Souvarine belongs to "the most aggressive group of the opposition", then there are Baze (spelling) who is a "lawyer", Marx, who is an "author" (literally: literate), Loriot, who is a "teacher", etc., whereas all genuine laborers are withdrawing from the opposition... "The opposition has not only lost all its adherents from the ranks of labor", but also, now calls forth "feelings of deep irritation". By way exemplifying this, A.B. states that when the oppositionist woman, Suzanne Girof, made a speech on a certain occasion, "a laborer, driven to the last degree of indignation..., stated: 'If Suzanne won't stop speaking, I shall chuck her out of the window'"...

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United States.

"In the United States... the opposition has a clearly expressed character of adventurism, and it maintains direct contact with the bourgeois press... All the present defenders of Trotsky in the United States - Eastman, Lere, Zalutsky, are ex-Communists, renegades expelled from the Party... The renegade Eastman asserts that he struggles for equality and liberty, and for the sake of that equality he sold a forged copy of Lenin's 'testament' to the NEW YORK TIMES for 2,000 dollars. Eastman assured that he gave this money to Souvarine in Paris, in order to finance the work of the opposition"...

"Mrs Rolland Holst", the "Communist poetess" is then taken to task for some "religious pearls" in her poetry...

"A worthy fellow-fighter of the Christian poetess Rolland Holst is Professor Manori" who "protests" against Trotsky's deportation"... The same professor, some time ago, "protested almost just as ardently against the execution of counter-revolutionaries"...

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Czechoslovakia.

Also in Czechoslovakia "the contact of this (opposition) group with the laborers is severed", and to the opposition belong there "elements not only thoroughly infected with petty-bourgeois sentiment, but even downright suspicious elements"...

Similar data are given in respect of Greece and Yugoslavia.

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"The ideological luggage of the opposition".

According to Souvarine, "the building-up of socialism in the U.S.S.R." is "a fairy-tale invented to amuse the peasants". In the same oppositionist's opinion, the Communist International... "has only frustrated the triumph of the national-revolutionary movement in China"... "But still more thoughtful is Souvarine's philosophy in regard to the menace of war. It turns out that it (i.e. the menace of war) 'exists only in the imagination of the Political Bureau of the All-Union Communist Party'"...

Treint, too, is all right... The principal cause, in his opinion, that may provoke war, is the opportunistic policy of the Communist International"... In regard to the "construction work" he is of the opinion that, "the theory of building up socialism in one country (alone) is a theory of the kulaks and their little sons" - meaning, apparently, their followers or supporters... Subsequently, indeed, Treint modified this in the following way: "Socialism can be built up in Russia, but on one condition, namely: that the present managing (group, body, clique) of the All-Union Communist Party is deposed"...

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United States.

"The pillar of Trotskyism in America, Eastman, published a booklet under the title, "Marxism and Leninism". Its fundamental idea is that Leninism "might become the genuine science of revolution only in case it rids itself of the last remnants of Marxism". Eastman declares that he "accepts the practice of Leninism, but decidedly declines its theory because it is under the influence of Marxism". On these grounds the socialists declare Eastman to be a Communist, while Eastman himself proclaims himself a "revolutionary Communist".

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"Collaboration of the opposition with the Second International."

"The Second International - says Chibom (Sweden) - has organized a special bureau for sending to the sections material against the Communist International and the U.S.S.R. The actual supplier to that bureau is the opposition".... In consequence of this, for instance, "the Swedish Social-Democracy" is of the opinion that, "the Russian laborers live like slaves", etc... According to the German Communist Thaelmann, "the Trotskyist opposition is one of the principal brakes to prevent the Social-Democratic laborers from joining the Communist Party"....

"Why does Austro-Marxism so ardently solidarize itself with the opposition?", asks an Austrian comrade, and answers that, "after the July insurrection, the Social-Democratic top strata sharply swung to the right, which could not but intensify the left tendencies of the bottom strata and cause increased activity on the part of the left elements... At present the leaders of the Austrian Social-Democracy, armed with the weapons of Trotskyism, are making front against that increased activity" of the bottom strata...

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Engdahl

United States.

"In the United States - says Comrade Engdahl - the opposition has the support of the organs of the liberal bourgeois press - the NATION and THE NEW REPUBLIC - which are rivaling with the reactionary press in the matter of publishing the Joffe letter. That letter is being published broadcast with equal zeal by the capitalistic as well as by the Social-Democratic and the reactionary trade-union press. All of them have one aim: to support the Trotskyist opposition, and to attack the Soviet Union. The socialistic DAILY FORWARD, an exasperated hater of the U.S.S.R., expresses its sympathies with the Trotskyist opposition. The same applies also to the Hilquit's socialistic organ, THE LEADER. In that alliance of the Social-Democrats and the reactionary trade-union bureaucrats with the Trotskyist opposition, Comrade Engdahl perceives danger. The opposition - says he - having the support of the socialists, will probably, try to form something like a Party for struggle against the Communists; in this way the Social-Democrats will obtain auxiliary forces within the ranks of the trade unions, for struggle against the Communists"...

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Great Britain.

"In England... the Trotskyist opposition has no adherents, but then Trotsky can comfort himself that in the non-communist parties he has friends of his policy directed against the Communist International and the U.S.S.R."... Trotskyism is supported by "the leaders of the Independent Labour Party", who "would like in the Soviet Union to establish a democracy of the Baldwin type: one Party in power, and the other in the opposition"...

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France.

In France too, the Trotsky adherents "especially circulated Souvarine's bulletin containing the Joffe letter. That letter served as material for attacking at the congress the Soviet Union"... Trotsky's "well-known 'directives'" were also published, and incidentally, Souvarine was "indignant that a Social-Democratic paper could trust in documents that had gone through the G.P.U." (State Political Administration)...

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"The further sliding-down of the opposition into the counter-revolutionary bog".

"Astounding is the rapidity with which the Trotakist opposition is sliding down into the counter-revolutionary bog", in which connection are mentioned the names of Maslov, Karah, Sayronov, Suzanne Girot. More particularly the latter seems indeed to have positive ideas about the Soviet Union... "Don't try to throw dust into our eyes about your proletarian state; in reality there is fascism in Russia", and, "there is no difference between present Russia and Tsarist Russia"...

"A particularly dangerous shape assume the activities of the Trotakist opposition in the countries where fascist terrorism reigns" says A.B., for instance in Poland, and he sums up;

"Just at the time when the Social-Democracy has still more sharply swung to the right, when it develops a furious campaign against the U.S.S.R. and the Communists, the Trotakist opposition plays the role of one of the principal weapons of the Social-Democracy in its struggle against the Communist International and the U.S.S.R."...

Enclosure No. to despatch No.

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BUKHARIN'S SPEECH AT THE PLenary SESSION OF
THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL,
CONCERNING "THE OPPOSITION IN THE ALL-UNION COMMUNIST
PARTY AND IN THE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL".

(Summary)

In his report on this subject, comparatively briefly reported in the paper under review, Bukharin points out that "the opposition, having been much beaten, and knocked to pieces, in our Party, is increasing its activities in and about the Parties abroad"... In characterizing the general situation, and more particularly the attitude of the Social-Democracy, Bukharin states that on every hand, "we witness an increased pressure upon the labor classes, and the tendency to strangle every oppositionist movement within the labor classes"; and in this sphere, "the principal task of the Social-Democrats in foreign politics is to try and discredit the Soviet Union and the All-Union Communist Party"... In this connection, "our Parties, and the revolutionary wing of the labor movement...will be compelled to show more distinctly than hitherto their Communist face, and to intensify the advance upon the Social-Democratic enemy"...

And "just at such a moment"... "we encounter...the Trotskyist opposition which, strictly speaking, is nothing else but the 'left' wing of the Social-Democratic Party"... Moreover, "the Trotskyist opposition is a genuine barrier in the way of winning over the masses to the side of Communism. And in this sense the Trotskyist opposition is a counterrevolutionary factor"...

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"The social foundation (basis) of the Trotskyist opposition in the Soviet Union are the vacillating petty-bourgeois elements. The principal support of the opposition may be found in Soviet and students' germ-cells"...

"As regards the ideological side of the question, the principal feature of Trotsky's ideology is "distrust in Soviet construction work", and "in Trotsky's latest documents there are already speculations as to what will happen after the overthrow of the Soviet power"...

In the further course of his speech, "Comrade Bukharin adduced a whole series of instances from which can be seen that the Trotskyist opposition...is now speaking out openly what they hitherto tried to camouflage by all sorts of hypocritical formulations"... "The latest events within the Party, he (i.e. Trotsky) regarded as a complete thunderbolt"... As to the question of a second party, "Trotsky, in his latest document, propagates the second party, openly, in a hypocritical form. Trotsky says: 'Not we are the second party, but the All-Union Communist Party is the second party. The All-Union Communist Party has been regressing, (whereas) we have the tradition, we are the first party, while the All-Union Communist Party is the second party'. By these words the existence of two parties is admitted", adds Bukharin...

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It turns out that "in his letter to the Communist International", Trotsky has been trying to make out "the street demonstration on November 7" as "mere propaganda", but, "nevertheless, the same Trotsky, in one of his documents, says straight: 'Our task is to conquer the (political) power'. The illicit leaflet of the Sapronov group, 'The labor road to power', is openly in favor of preparing the struggle against our government, in favor of a new revolution". Moreover, "Sapronov...asserts that the interests of the labor classes were 'betrayed' already at the time of the ninth and the tenth Party congresses, that is, at Party congresses which were conducted by Lenin"...

Continuing, Bukharin states that Trotsky already in Lenin's time was "a foreign body within the Party", and that now Trotsky's policy has been condemned, "one might say, by the whole country", proof of which the speaker perceives in the fact of a "hundred thousand new members - laborers from the work-bench", having joined the Party. This fact has shown that "the opposition has almost absolutely no ground in our Party" ... Of late, "the lower strata of the Trotskyist opposition have got into contact with the Sapronov group, although Sapronov in his latest document says that Trotsky's struggle against the Party is an unprincipled struggle for power"...

As regards "the Parties abroad, Comrade Bukharin strongly urges not to overrate the forces of the opposition"... He then says: "One may profess either one

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of the two opinions: either the Soviet state is a proletarian state, and in the principal questions of the policy of the U.S.S.R., as well as in the question concerning the menace of war, the Communist International must be on the side of the U.S.S.R. - or nothing of the kind is the case. The Communist International has to choose here: either the one, or the other. There is no third possibility. Seeing that the various opposition groups adhere to a different line of conduct in this principal question, they cannot be tolerated in our ranks"...

After mentioning Maslov, Kautsky, Treint, and a number of other names, Bukharin concludes: "Struggle against the Social-Democracy is impossible as long as there exist the various hues of Trotskyism. Without intensive struggle against Trotskyism, active struggle against the Social-Democracy is also impossible. We should do everything to restore the labor elements to the Communist International. But the principal danger in the Communist International as well as without its ranks is the Trotskyist danger, and this should not be forgotten, for Trotskyism is trying to hamper us in our struggle for the genuine political line of the Communist International".

(In the debates that ensued, the various representatives of the foreign sections aired their opinions*).

* Their views were already summarized by one "A.B." in No.37 of Moscow TRAVDA, of February 12, but the present account contains some additional information. Note of translator.

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Germany.

Thaelmann (Germany) states that the German delegation "wholly and fully agrees with all propositions of Comrade Bukharin's"... He considers that, "Zinoviev, Kamenev, and their adherents, if only they will ...recognize the correctness of the political line of the Party, will be given the possibility of once more joining the Bolshevik Party"... But the deportation of the leaders of the opposition was "absolutely necessary, since they were trampling underfoot the Party discipline and the revolutionary laws of the Soviet state, and in reality went over into the camp of the counterrevolutionaries"...

The rest of Thaelmann's speech is a reiteration of well-known assertions. There is Trotsky's affinity with the Second International, his "pessimistic view of the international situation", his "deeply pessimistic view" of the "situation in China", more particularly of the Canton events... "Only a traitor to the struggle of the labor classes in China can express such an opinion of the Canton insurrection", of that "heroic action of the Canton proletariat, which every Bolshevik is bound to regard as a manifestation of the highest form of class war"...

He concludes with references to Ruth Fischer and Maslov, who are "the principal suppliers of all sorts of calumnies at the address of the U.S.S.R. and the Communist International"...

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The United States.

The account of Engdahl's (United States) speech contains practically the same information as in No. 27. Eastman and Lore are mentioned, the latter as the editor of the German language VOLKSSTIMME, also Kalutsky, as the editor of the ADVANCE, and further Kogan, as the editor of the "Jewish newspaper" FOR ARD, etc. All these papers are engaged in a campaign against the Communist International, and "that campaign is supported by that irreconcilable enemy of Communism and of the Soviet Union, the Russian Menshevik Abramovitch, now touring in America" ...

Engdahl considers that "in the Central Committee of our Party (~~that is, obviously, the American Party~~) and in the ^{district} ~~regional~~ committees there are no longer any oppositionists"... ~~But~~ "Nevertheless, the existence of an opposition in the United States engenders certain dangers. The greatest of them is that the opposition may arrive at one or another form of organized union with the Socialists, and obtain a certain support on the part of the trade-union bureaucracy"... ~~Moreover,~~ "the opposition is a convenient weapon to which reaction willingly resorts in its struggle against the Soviet Union"...

Enclosure No. 4 to despatch No. 5196

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RESOLUTION OF THE PLenary SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNIST INTERNATIONAL IN
CONNECTION WITH BUKHARIN'S REPORT CONCERNING
THE TROTSKIST OPPOSITION.

(Summary)

The resolution "notes with satisfaction" that the late fifteenth congress has "definitely put an end to the Trotskist opposition", and "identifies itself wholly and fully with all measures" which the All-Union Communist Party has taken in this connection. The plenary session thinks that "the resolutions of the fifteenth congress (of the All-Union Communist Party) is of tremendous importance for the further strengthening of the proletarian dictatorship, and for the building up of socialism in the U.S.S.R."...

The resolution mentions with approval the measures suggested by the said congress in regard to "industrialization", the "ousting of private capitalistic elements", "collectivization of peasant husbandry", the "gradual adoption of the seven-hour work-day", and notes also the "influx of 100,000 new members into the Party", which "proves that the...Party possesses the full confidence and the support of the broad masses of the labor classes"...

The resolution "considers correct the analysis of the international economic and political situation, as given by the fifteenth congress", more particularly in respect of the following points: 1) "accentuation of the contradictions (i.e. divergences of interests,

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between the (various) capitalistic groups" themselves, which causes the "increase of the conditions making for new imperialistic wars"; 2) "growth of the power of the capitalistic trusts", and "the ever-increasing onslaught of capital upon the labor classes"; 3) a new "left swing" of the labor masses, which "manifests itself in the growth of the strike movement", in the "increased political activity of the labor classes", and in the "growth of the elements of a new revolutionary uprising in Europe"; and 4) "the campaign of calumny and bounding against Communists in general, and...proletarian dictatorship in particular"...

According to the resolution, "the impending period of development will be marked by new clashes between the labor classes and the bourgeoisie, and by exasperated struggle between the Social-Democracy and the Communists for influence upon the labor masses"...

Even now, "the international Social-Democracy is carrying on a furious baiting-campaign against the U.S.S.R. and the All-Union Communist Party, because it is aware that one of the most important forms of the left swing of the labor classes is the growth of the sympathies for the U.S.S.R."...

The resolution emphasizes in this connection "the particularly pharisaic and lying role" of "the likes of" Adler, Bauer, Leewy, Lansburg, Maxton, etc. "These so-called 'left' leaders of opportunism are the most dangerous adversaries of Communism, of the Communist International, of the U.S.S.R.", and here it is that "the Tretskists render direct support to the ideology and the policy of the 'left' flunkies of reformism",

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in which pursuit the opposition "acquires a downright counter-revolutionary character"... "The Trotskyists, along with the international Social-Democracy are putting their stake on the downfall of the Soviet power"...

"From factional strife within the...Party, the Trotskyist opposition advanced to creating a new party, to struggle in the street, and to open anti-Soviet activity"... "A still more counter-revolutionary character was acquired by the group headed by Sapronov, which is openly attacking Leninism, and candidly proclaims struggle against the Soviet power", identifying itself in this respect with "Korsch, Katz, Souvarine, and others"...

"The Trotskyist opposition..., completely beaten ..., has (eventually) broken up into a series of groups which partly- like Kamenov and Zinoviev - commence to adopt the Party position, not without hesitation, seceding gradually from Trotskyism, which once more proves the correctness of the political line of the...Party and the Communist International" (Italics of translator)...

"The remaining insignificant group of adherents of Trotskyism...tries to shift the center of gravity of its work now to the other sections of the Communist International", and in this connection it "appeals first of all to openly opportunist and counter-revolutionary elements, such as Souvarine and Pake"... Maslov, Korsch, etc., trying also to "draw over to its side the renegades Rosmer and Monatte" in France... Mrs. Roland-Holst (Holland) and Lore (America) are also mentioned... On the whole, "all the worst elements of the labor movement..."

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are now rallying on the Trotskyist platform of struggle against the U.S.S.R., the All-Union Communist Party, and the Communist International"...

The resolution concludes with the following passage:

"The plenary session of the Executive Committee of the Communist International holds that the evolution towards Social-Democratism as undergone by the Trotskyist opposition, its openly anti-Soviet position which is thoroughly hostile to the dictatorship of the proletariat, its schismatic methods in the Communist Parties, have resulted in that affiliation with the Trotskyist opposition, solidification (identification) with its views, are in future incompatible with affiliation with the Communist International.

"The Communist Parties must carry on an exasperated struggle for the liquidation of the Trotskyist groups, concentrating such struggle, first of all, upon the top strata. At the same time it is necessary to continue the ideological struggle for winning over those laborers who are vacillating, but have not yet broken with the opposition.

"The Communist Parties must also in every way increase the work of unmasking the Trotskyist opposition in front of the broad masses of the labor classes, because the accentuation of the struggle of the Communists against the international Social-Democracy implies inevitably accentuation of the struggle against the anti-Communist group of the Trotskyists, in the U.S.S.R. as well as in other countries".

~~Enclosure No. 5 to Telegram No. 51277~~

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HOW TO ~~PARTY~~ OUTSIDERS.

(Translation.)

To-day we print the decision of the plenary session of the Communist International Executive Committee on the occasion of the speech of comrade Bukharin. This document displays exhaustively and completely the attitude of Communism, organized on an international scale, to the former Trotskyist opposition, which is still continuing to carry on its counter-revolutionary work against the All-Union Communist Party (of Bolsheviks), the Soviet Union and the Communist International.

Both the members of the All-Union Communist Party (of Bolsheviks) and all the sections of the Communist International expected this authoritative decision of the managing staff of the Communist International on the question of Trotskyism. This decision is the more important in that it completely unmasks one of the silliest and most glibly made slanders that have been set afloat by the enemies of Communism. The Social-Democracy and the Trotskyists of all countries and shades have exerted their utmost endeavors to drive a wedge between the All-Union Communist Party (of Bolsheviks) and the fraternal sections of the Lenin Communist International. "The Russian" Party, they say, "decides everything, it "disregards"

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it "disregards" the Communist International; the smashing of the group of Trotsky was done without, and contrary to, the will, tendency and desires of the foreign Communist Parties; the foreign Parties have unbounded sympathy for such angels on earth as Trotsky, Baprenov & Co - so reads the lying legend spread about in broad day by the tongues of counter-revolutionary slander.

In the resolution of the Communist International Executive Committee plenary session, in black and white, with a plainness permitting no evasive interpretations, it is written that the Communist International Executive Committee plenary session "is wholly and entirely in accord with the decision of the All-Union Communist Party (of Bolsheviks) and the measures carried out by the All-Union Communist Party (of Bolsheviks) through the Soviet organs for the stopping of the anti-Soviet activity of the opposition". In this same document it is proclaimed that "the Trotskyist opposition on all the main questions has gone over to the position of 'left' aiders and abettors of opportunism, acquiring a clearly counter-revolutionary character". These firm Bolshevikically spoken words will cause more than one too far protruding and wickedly wagging tongue to be bitten. As always, the Lenin Communist International is absolutely behind the Lenin[^] All-Union Communist Party! Here reigns entire unanimity. The foreign Communist workers

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workers size up those alien to the proletariat in quite the same way and give them quite the same firm and harsh repulse.

Not only as a result of the most attentive and detailed study of the mechanics and of all the factors of the intra-Party struggle in the All-Union Communist Party (of Bolsheviks), but also on the basis of their own experience in their own countries, have the fraternal Parties convinced themselves and are daily convincing themselves of the true awareness of the Trotskyist opposition, its allies and patrons, on whose side they are pulling, whom they are helping and whom they are harming.

Detailed consideration of the question of the conduct of the opposition showed that the Trotskyist sponge is absorbing everything that is most rotten, despicable, unprincipled, and renegade in the international labor movement. Here ^{you find} Messrs. Eastman, Katz, and the Souvarine-Korschists. Here you find "middle-bags" (carpet baggers? - note of translator) in politics, Judases and Cains, camping on the thresholds of Menshevik newspapers, political pick-pockets, redolent of political police offices. Here you find those who asperse the Soviet workmen, ~~the~~ glorious phalanx of the world-wide revolution, the U.S.S.R. Here you find the Maslovs, piping the slabby Kautsky lay to the effect that in the U.S.S.R. reigns all, but "Trotskyism" (!!!?) So far
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Communism and Social-Democracy. All signs indicate that this struggle will become still fiercer in the future. And the role of the Trotskyist groups in this struggle, as fixed in the decision of the Communist International Executive Committee, consists in their being "one of the most abominable instruments of the international Social-Democracy against the Communists in the struggle of the latter for influence on the broad masses of the labor class". That's why the Social-Democracy and all those who are now fiercely hounding Communism and the U.S.S.R. are raising the counter-revolutionary Trotsky and his friends on the shield. And that's why the supreme organ of world Communism has handed down a decision on the strengthening of the struggle with Trotskyism.

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have the rascals gone in their slanders!)

Not only on the basis of the experience of the U.S.S.R., but also in a considerable measure on their own experience, the representatives of the foreign Communist Parties are finding that the Trotskyist group is in fact not at all a left one, but a blatantly right group. Fire upon Trotskyists is not fire to the left but to the right. Trotsky's treepers abroad are openly erecting their own special parties, are waging upon the Communist Parties the most unvenomed war. The Maslovists in Germany are organizing a second party, their "Leninisten Bund" ("Union of Leninists" (?) - the pygmies think they can cover themselves with the stolen name of the greatest leader, just as the Chinese Kuointangites assume the mask of "revolution"), whereby this second party is in fact only a "left" winglet, an outgrowth of the German Social-Democracy.

Between the Trotskyist groups and the "left" Social-Democracy has been established ideal contact. Coincidence in appraisal of what is going on the U.S.S.R. is complete in the two camps. For the thousandth time this is testified to by the Menshevik, Feodor Bohn, (in the Vienna Social-Democratic journal DER KAMPF). In connection with the last program documents of Trotsky and Sapronov, Bohn states: "To the critical part of both programs a Russian Social-Democrat will hardly have to add much. The characteri-
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characterization of the economic state of the country and the position of the labor class, the tendency of social and political development in the epoch of the new economic policy, the strengthening of capitalistic property elements and the growth of their influence on the policy of the dictatorship - all this is repetition almost word for word of the criticism of the Social-Democracy. "

The coincidence is complete: "word for word". The counter-revolutionary Trotskyist groups have mired up completely in the Social-Democratic bog. This is plain both to the All-Union Communist Party (of Bolsheviks) and to the whole Communist International. "Differences" between us and "them", between the Communist International and the opposition, are differences between the revolutionary workers and the shop-keeper, between the battler and the opportunist camp-follower, between Communism and Social-Democracy, between revolution and counter-revolution.

The Communist International is quite aware that the specific gravity of the Trotskyist and Trotskyist groups is negligible. But this does not at all mean that one should be content to slap Trotskyism on the wrist. On the contrary: "Better war" must be waged on Trotskyism, Trotskyism is no less than the main peril in the international Communist movement. Why? Why, because there is now going on accentuation of the struggle between
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OF THE INTERNATIONAL OR-
GANIZATION FOR AID TO
FIGHTERS OF THE REVOLUTION),
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the Central Committee of
the MOPR of the U.S.S.R.,
Moscow, 1928. Pages 61 and
63. (Translation.)

TO THE MOPR ON ITS FIFTH ANNIVERSARY **)

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Comrade ENGDAHL - in the Name of the American Communist
Party

The MOPR is compelled to work under circumstances of aggravated class conflicts, when the bourgeoisie is endeavoring to smother the revolutionary proletarian movement by means of the cruelest repressions. The example of the murder of Sacco and Vanzetti, whom the class justice of my country executed in the electric chair for no wrong, proves best of all to what limits its cynicism, its blind malicious terror will go.

The class war which is now taking place demands the greatest effort and self-sacrificing solidarity from the proletariat. The MOPR embodies this solidarity - it proved this by its five-years' work in rendering assistance to the victims of the revolution in the whole world.

Long live the MOPR!

Long live the world revolution!

* Usually known in English as the "International Red Aid".
Note by translator.

** Only the most important of the many greetings received by the MOPR on its fifth anniversary, are printed (sic).